

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1050

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Larry and Wanda Collins upon being named Co-Grand Marshals of the 2010 Strawberry Festival Parade.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those occasions in which Tennessee communities act to recognize their most accomplished citizens for their lives of service to their friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Portland have chosen Larry and Wanda Collins to act as Co-Grand Marshals for the 2010 Strawberry Festival Parade; in so doing they have selected outstanding Tennesseans whose abilities and personal characteristics are superlative; and

WHEREAS, Larry and Wanda Collins, who will have been married for fifty-six years in July of this year, are lifelong residents of Portland who have dedicated their time and energies to improving the lives of those around them; and

WHEREAS, Larry Collins founded Collins Construction in 1972 and has since built two more companies, L&W Properties and Allseven Properties, into successful businesses. Known for his work in developing industrial properties in Sumner and Robertson Counties, Mr. Collins is responsible for the construction of more than 3.5 million square feet of commercial property and for bringing more than 2,500 jobs to Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to the ideals of community involvement, Larry Collins was a founder of Volunteer State Bank, serving as Chairman of that institution's board of directors from 1976 until 1990. He also renders sterling service as the Chairman of Volunteer State Bancshares, a position he has held since 1980; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in the banking industry, Mr. Collins also served for twenty-five years as the Chairman of the Airport Authority for the Portland Airport and stood as President of the Portland Chamber of Commerce for one year; and

WHEREAS, known widely for her commitment to humanitarian work, Wanda Collins has held membership in the Portland Arts Council, the Beautification Committee, and the Maple Hills Cemetery Board. Her leadership abilities were utilized during her tenures as the Chairman of the Sumner County Library Board and the Regional Library Board; and

WHEREAS, in response to her many good works as a member of the Sumner County Foster Care Review Board, Mrs. Collins was appointed by Governor McWherter to serve on the Mid-Cumberland Community Services Agency, which had as its purpose the coordination of funds and programs designated for the care of children in this State; and

WHEREAS, the Collinses are devoted members of the First Baptist Church in Portland, which they have served for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, they are also devoted to family values of the highest order, and Larry and Wanda Collins are most appreciative of the love and support they share with their children, Joey, Johnny, Jeffrey, Jaska, and Jason; their grandchildren, Grant, Andrea, Amy, Megann, Cody, Larry Joe, and Mason; and their great-grandchildren, Jake and Joseph; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to join with the citizens of Portland in honoring these dedicated public servants, energetic and innovative civic leaders, and friends to their fellow human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Larry and Wanda Collins of Portland for their many years of selfless and outstanding public service to the people of Portland and Tennessee and congratulate them upon their selection as Co-Grand Marshals of the 2010 Strawberry Festival Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.